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Student Group Urged to 'Tax' Its Members

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Washington — National Stu-

dent Assn. president W. Eugene Groves today called for a 50-cent head tax on student members to compensate for funds the group no longer gets from the Central Intelligence Agency.

The suggestion, in a speech before the organization's 20th annual congress, accompanied a warning that power and independence would continue to elude NSA until it was independent of government and other outside sources of income.

Groves told about 500 of the more than 1,200 delegates meeting at the University of Maryland and in nearby College Park that the 50-cent tax would yield about \$1,000,000, compared with NSA's present budget of about \$700,000.

Most of NSA's funds now comes in the form of foundation and government grants for specific projects, leaving the organization little money with which "to do the things we want to do," Groves said.

Even if the tax is passed by the NSA congress, it can be imposed only by action of student governments on each campus. International affairs vice president Richard Stearns suggested the establishment of a new foundation that could support the international activities of groups such as NSA. Stearns and Groves said this foundation should receive long-term Congressional appropriations but be run by non-governmental directors, including some students.

Stearns said NSA has been unable to raise money for international activities since the February revelation that its international work in past years was largely supported by covert contributions from the CIA. It no longer accepts CIA grants.

A commission headed by Secretary of State Rusk has been investigating the possibility of a "public-private mechanism" to support overseas activities of student and other groups.

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